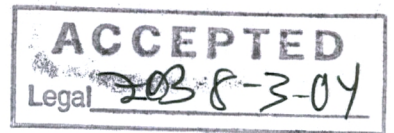


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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2004-133-C

IN RE:

Application of Tel West Communications, LLC )  
)  
To Approve Transfer of Assets and Transfer of )  
The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity )  
Of HTR&L Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Hart Communications )  
To Tel West Communications, LLC )

**MOTION FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW**

Tel West Communications, LLC ("Tel West") hereby respectfully moves for expedited review of its application to approve the transfer the certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") currently under the name of HTR&L Enterprises, Inc, d/b/a Hart Communications ("Hart"), and the transfer of the South Carolina assets of Hart, consisting solely of its customer accounts, to Tel West ("Application").

Tel West requests that this matter be heard at the Commission's earliest opportunity, rather than on the currently scheduled hearing date of September 16, 2004. This motion is made on the following grounds:

1. Tel West published notice of the filing of its Application in newspapers of general circulation, as required by the Commission. The deadline to intervene in this matter was July 7, 2004. On June 2, 2004, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") filed a petition to intervene, seeking agreement from Tel West not to provide service in the exchanges of the SCTC members. On June 28, 2004, Tel West and the SCTC filed an executed Stipulation with the Commission, wherein Tel West stipulates that it does not intend to provide service in the exchanges of the SCTC. The SCTC, on the basis of this stipulation by Tel West, states that it does not oppose

Tel West's Application. No other parties have filed comments or petitions to intervene in this matter.

2. Tel West acquired Hart in September 2001, and has been providing service to the former customers of Hart since that time. Tel West and Hart both notified the Commission regarding Tel West's acquisition of Hart, and provided contact information for Tel West. In addition, on at least two occasions (9/8/01 and 8/27/02) Tel West requested assistance from the Commission's staff in processing any required documents for the transfer of Hart's certificate to Tel West, or in the alternative, in changing the name of Hart to Tel West in South Carolina. Tel West did not receive the assistance as requested from the Commission's staff, but was verbally assured by staff members that Tel West was on file with the Commission as a service provider.

3. Tel West regularly receives correspondence from the Commission addressed to Tel West at its principal place of business, and Tel West has filed all required forms and reports, including updated contact reports, gross revenue reports, and USF reports with the Commission since September 2001.

4. The Commission has approved Resale Agreements between Tel West and several incumbent local exchange companies in South Carolina, including BellSouth, Verizon, Sprint, Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and Horry Telephone Cooperative.

5. Tel West currently provides resold residential telephone service to approximately 1,200 South Carolina customers. Tel West has received no complaints from any customers during the time it has provided service in South Carolina.

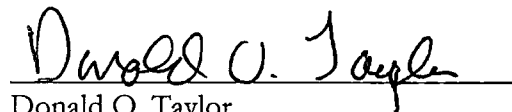
6. On July 28, 2004, pursuant to the directive of the Commission, Tel West pre-filed the testimony of James G. Schrank. The testimony was accompanied by a sworn verification executed by Mr. Schrank. Mr. Schrank's verified testimony, and the Attachments filed with the

Application, demonstrate that the relief requested in the Application is warranted and that approval of the Application is in the public interest.

WHEREFORE, in that pursuant to the Stipulation filed by Tel West and the SCTC in which the SCTC states that it does not oppose Tel West's Application, and that no other parties have intervened or expressed an interest in being heard with respect to this matter after due notice, and that this matter is therefore uncontested, and

WHEREFORE, in that Tel West has been providing service in South Carolina since September 2001 on the assumption and understanding that it was doing so with the full knowledge and consent of the Commission, Tel West Communications, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission conduct its hearing on this matter at its earliest opportunity, and that the Application be approved at the Commission's earliest convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,



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